

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LIFTING OF SAMPLES OF BULK DRUGS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Custom Authorities are lifting samples of bulk drugs during its exports;
- (b) if so, the guidelines issued in this regard and details of various laboratories notified for bulk drugs and medicines;
- (c) whether all exports benefits are being denied till test report is received; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): The samples of bulk drugs are drawn and tested at the time of exports as per the guidelines which stipulate that in case of manufacturer exporters who have in-house testing facilities duly approved by Drug Controller of India, samples are not to be drawn and the in-house test result relied upon for the purpose of export and verification of credit under various Export Incentive Schemes. Further, where the samples of the export product have earlier been drawn by the Central Excise Authorities and the test results of the same are available, these test results are relied upon (for six months) for the purpose of exports, provided such test reports bring out the technical characteristics of the inputs as required to be ascertained under the various Export Incentive Schemes. As regards the laboratories notified for testing of drugs and medicines are concerned, the laboratories duly approved by the Drug Controller of India are relied upon.

(c) & (d): Whenever samples are drawn, the shipment is permitted provisionally. After receipt of the test report, the provisional assessment is finalized and eligible export benefit given to the exporters. The test report is relied upon to ensure that no undue export benefit is availed by the exporters.